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Travelling allowance to Hon. the Speaker, Hon: the President, etc.

60 Q:-Sri T. VISWANATHAM:. Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state -

(a) whether the travelling allowance facilities afforded to Hon. Speaker, Hon. President, the Deputy Speaker and the Deputy President, while touring on public business have been cancelled by the Government;

(b) if so, why; and
(c) whether they were consulted before the order was cancelled?

The HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- "(a) Yes.
"(b) As they have no official duties as such.
"(c) No."

SRI S. NAGAPPA:- "May I ask Government, in view of the fact that the Hon. Speaker has been practically implementing the Temple Entry Act, will Government consider the desirability of granting travelling allowance to the Hon. Speaker so that he will be in a position to implement the Act that are passed by this House."

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- "He is not an official and so no travelling allowance is admissible to him."

Sri S. NAGAPPA:- "Is it the intention of this Government to make the Acts passed by this House a dead letter by not creating machinery to implement them?" (Laughter).

Mr. SPEAKER:- "The Hon. Member has lost his temper." (Laughter.)

SRI S. NAGAPPA:- "May I ask Government what machinery has been set up to see the enactments passed by this august body put into practice?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- "I request Hon. Members of the House to implement the Acts passed by this august body."

SRI K.T. KOSALARAM:- "May I ask, Sri, when travelling allowance was first sanctioned to these people?"

The HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- "It was first sanctioned in 1920 and it was revised in February 1947."

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:- "Sir, is it not a fact that the hon. Gentlemen whose names are mentioned in the question are really implementing the policy of Government in putting into effect the Acts passed by the Government, and therefore, should they not, at least as a matter of policy, be given travelling allowance for the work they do, not in their own behalf, not in their individual capacity, but in a way as members of Government?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- "They are not members of Government."

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:-"That is why I said 'in a way'."

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:-"No, not even 'in a way,' are they members of Government."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM:- "Mat I know what was the occasion for the Government to take up the question of revision of travelling allowance?"

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THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- "We thought what was good in 1920 was good also in 1947".

SRI. D.V. Ramaswami:-"Am I to understand, Sri, that those Hon. Gentlemen should not go about on public business?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- "They can certainly go, but it is not part of their official business."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM:- "Sir, my question was, what was the occasion for revising the order? What is it that prompted the Government to take up the question of revising the travelling allowance order?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- "It was not taken up as an isolated question. The whole question of revision of travelling allowance was taken up, I mean, the travelling allowance of gazetted officers, of executive officers of members of Government and so on, and along with that, this question also was taken up."

N.MUHAMMAD ANWAR SAHIB BAHADUR:; "On a point of order. Are your Mr. Speaker not part of the Government machinery?"

Mr. SPEAKER:-"No, I do not belong to the executive branch."

SRI M.G. NATESA CHETTIYAR:- "May I know the practice obtained in other Provincial Legislatures in respect of these allowances to the Speakers and Deputy Speakers?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- "So far as I am aware no travelling allowance is allowed to any Speaker or Deputy Speaker of Provincial Assemblies or to the President, Central Legislature, when they go on such tours."

SRI P.NATESAN:- "May I know if the Hon. the Minister has any figures as to the amount spent already on the travelling allowance of the President. Speaker or whoever it might be?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- "It is not a relevant factor Sir, to this question. If he wants I shall supply him with the information."

SRI S. NAGAPPA:-"My question was was not answered, Sir. (Laughter.) My question was: 'What is the machinery the Government has set up in order to see that the temples are thrown open to the people.' As the Hon. the Speaker has been doing the work of that machinery, is it not necessary that we should allow him some travelling allwance?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- "He must address the question to the Hon. the Prime Minister, who is in charge of Endowments, Sir."

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:- "I have also a compalaint, Sir, that my question has not been answered. He took up only one phrase, Sir i.e., 'Member of Government.' He did not take the other part which qualified that phrase. I said that the Hon. Speaker has been doing what the Ministers should otherwise do. In view of that does not equity demand that he must also be given some facilities as the members of the Government are being given?"

THE HON.SRI. B. GOPALA REDDI:-"It is not only Hon. the Speaker, but also several Members of this

House and members of the general public who have been doing very valuable work in this connexion."

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Please see the questions and answers relating to travelling allowance of Hon'ble the Speaker, Hon'ble the President, the Deputy Speaker and Deputy President on pp. 5-6 above. No action is called for with reference to the answers given by H.M. (Fin.)

The papers may be ~~Recorded~~.

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